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1. An increasing number of Chinese are coming to the Dom Marynarza Chinskiego (Chinese Sailors' Home) in Gdynia. Every Polish ship coming from China has among its crew several Chinese, some of whom are officers. They are trained Communists, and all speak English. They are well indoctrinated in the theories of Marx and Stalin. The Polish Government is attempting to have half of the crew of each Polish ship composed of Chinese.*
2. Polish seamen are defecting wherever the opportunity presents itself. On every voyage, each Polish ship loses several of its crew members. Many of the defectors escape in Ceylon, from where they emigrate to Australia. The Polish Communist regime is principally concerned by the fact that it is not the older men and the officers who defect, but the sons of peasants and workers who are young and poor and who have been Communist-trained since the war.
3. The SS KOPERNIK is still in the Gdynia shipyard. The damage suffered by the ferry is believed to be extensive. The KOPERNIK was previously reported as having rammed a wreck lying in Swinoujscie (Swinemünde) harbor.

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[] who stated that because of the opposition
of Polish Works' Councils to the use of Chinese crews, in all cases where
a majority of the ship's crew are Polish nationals no Chinese seamen will
be recruited.

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